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Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

**AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, please amend the "Related Cases" as follows:

**RELATED CASES**

This is a Continuation of Application 10/226,624 filed August 22, 2002, which is a Continuation of Application No. 09/749,242 filed December 27, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,438,880; which is a Continuation of Application No. 09/986,395 filed December 8, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,178,679 B1; which is a Continuation-in-Part of ~~co~~pending Application Serial No. 08/600,609 filed February 13, 1996, now abandoned; each said Application being incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

On Page 6, amend the last paragraph as follows:

In Fig. 4 3, the readerboard (i.e. changeable character) signage system 30 of the present invention is shown, wherein a pair of upper and lower character holding tracks 31 and 32, spaced-apart and extending in a parallel manner along a sign board 4, hold a sequence of discrete characters 5 in place relative to each other. In general, each character 5 comprises a rectangular shaped substrate upon which a symbol, such as an alphanumeric character, is

realized by printing, adhesive attachment, or other means. Each character can be made from opaque or optically transparent material, depending on whether backlighting is to be employed in the construction of the signage system.